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## ATKINS v. COMMONWEALTH.

Jan. 19, 1922.

[110 S. E. 379.]

1. Seduction (§ 43\*)—Evidence Sufficient to Show Offense Committed under Promise of Marriage.—In a prosecution for seduction under promise of marriage, evidence held sufficient to prove that the offense was committed under such promise.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 12 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 128.]

2. Criminal Law (§ 823 (2)\*)—Instruction on Corroboration of Prosecutrix in Action for Seduction Held Not Objectionable in View of Other Instruction Given.—In a prosecution for seduction, an instruction that accused could not be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of the prosecutrix, "yet, if the admissions of the accused and other 'surrounding circumstances' corroborate her testimony," etc., when considered with another instruction, was not open to the objection that the court had improperly commented on the weight and sufficiency of the evidence nor as singling out certain facts and basing a verdict thereon.

[Ed. Note.—For other cases, see 7 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 735.]

3. Criminal Law (§ 1169 (8)\*)—Evidence of Prosecutrix's Statements Not Made in Accused's Presence Held Not Unfavorable to Accused.—In a prosecution for seduction under promise of marriage, evidence of statements made out of court by the prosecutrix, not in the presence and hearing of accused, and not tending to corroborate prosecutrix's story of her proposed trip to get married was harmless and not unfavorable to accused.

[Ed. Note.--For other cases, see 1 Va.-W. Va. Enc. Dig. 593.]

Error to Circuit Court, Halifax County.

W. W. Atkins was convicted of seduction and he assigns error. Affirmed.

Jas. H. Guthrie, of South Boston, for plaintiff in error.

Ino. R. Saunders, Atty. Gen., and J. D. Hank, Jr., Asst. Atty. Gen., for the Commonwealth.

## ELLIS v. VIRGINIA RY. & POWER CO.

Jan. 19, 1922.

[110 S E. 382.]

1. Carriers (§ .316 (3)\*)—Burden on Passenger to Show She Was Not Given Time to Alight or Clear Street Car and Reach Safe Place.

—The burden was on an injured street car passenger to prove she

<sup>\*</sup>For other cases see same topic and KEY-NUMBER in all Key-Numbered Digests and Indexes.